

Sustainability and the role of ecosystem services and biodiversity in the world after Paris 2015

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Sustainability and Nature

SDGs: *Post-2015* Development Process

- ❖ Rio+20: Open Working Group (OWG) mandated to draft post-2015 development agenda.
- ❖ Largest consultation programme in history by UN: 11 thematic consultations; 83 national consultations; door-to-door surveys.
- ❖ Online “My World” survey launched for citizens to prioritise the areas they would like to see addressed by SDG’s.
- ❖ OWG represented 70 countries; submitted 17 suggestions for the SDGs in July 2014.
- ❖ Markedly wider and deeper process than the MDGs’ formation in 1999/2000.

An effective Bottom-Up approach

Organizations & Committees that contributed to making the SDGs



High-level Panel 
the Post-2015 Development Agenda



What does the 'Periodic Table' of the *SDGs* look like ?



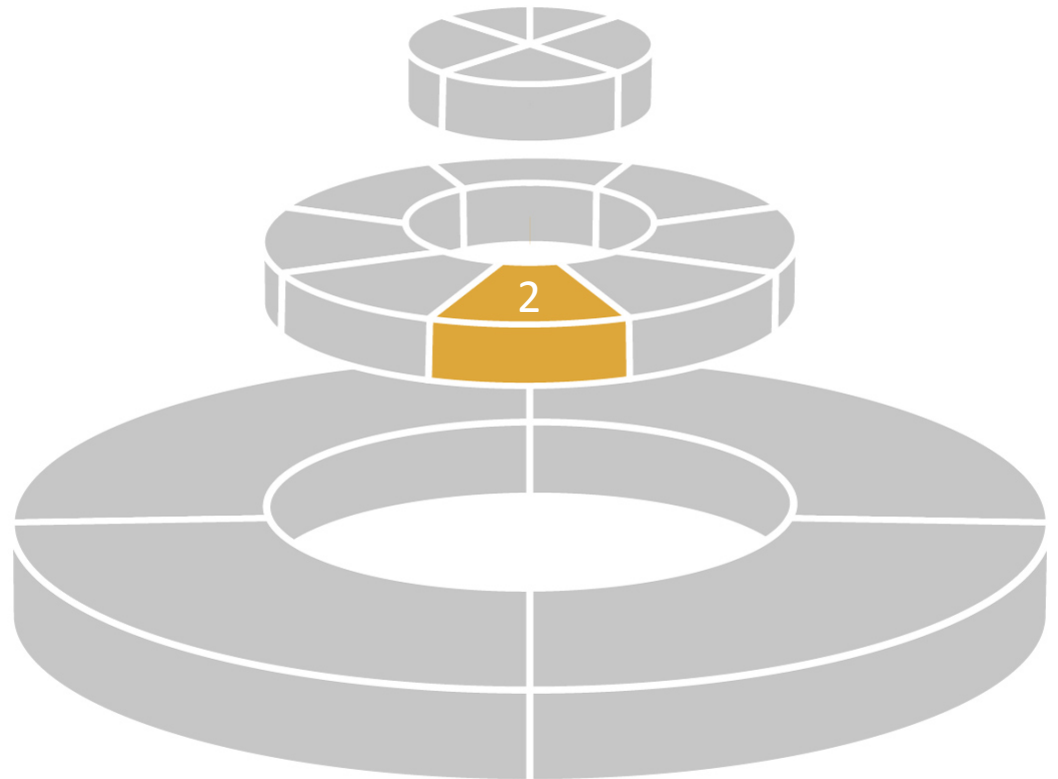
This huge opportunity for humanity is perhaps also its biggest puzzle...

A Working Structure for Implementing the SDGs?

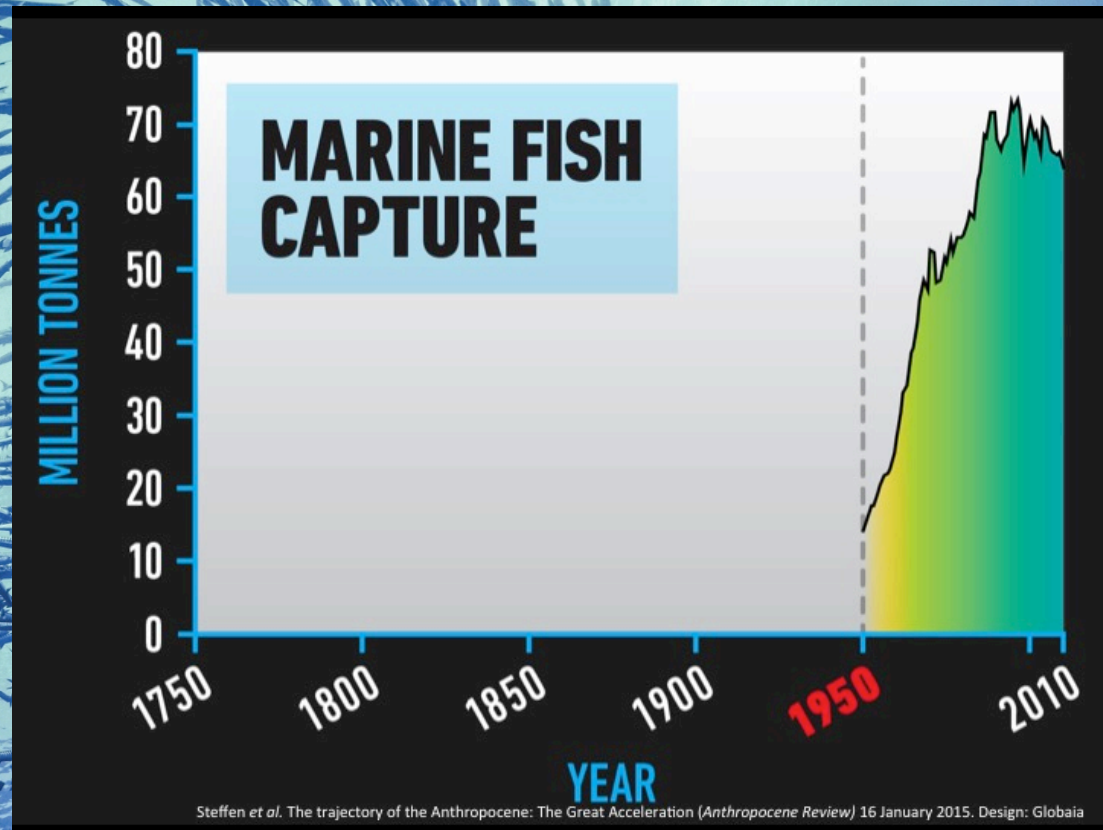


SDG 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

2 ZERO
HUNGER

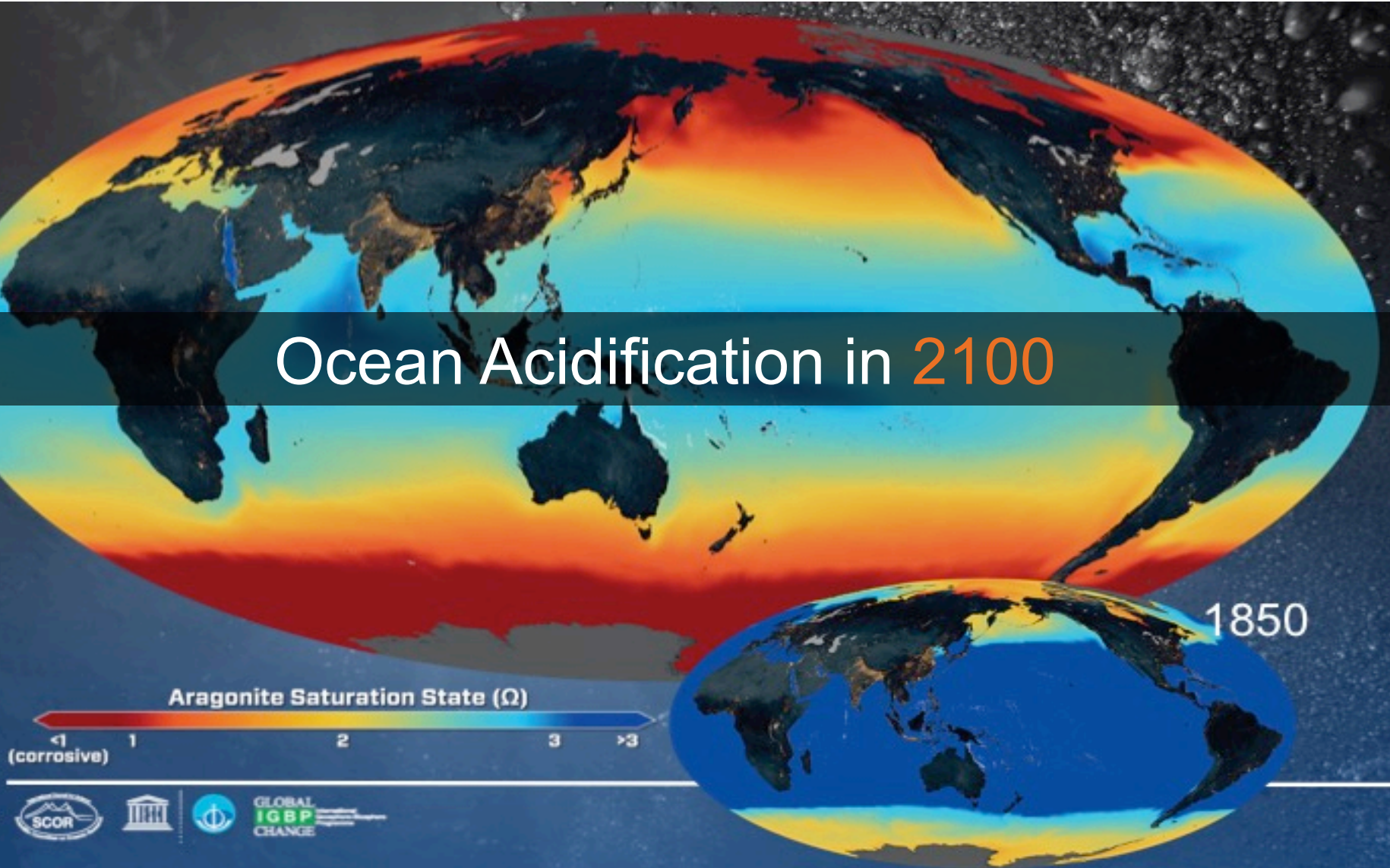


Marine fish capture trajectory

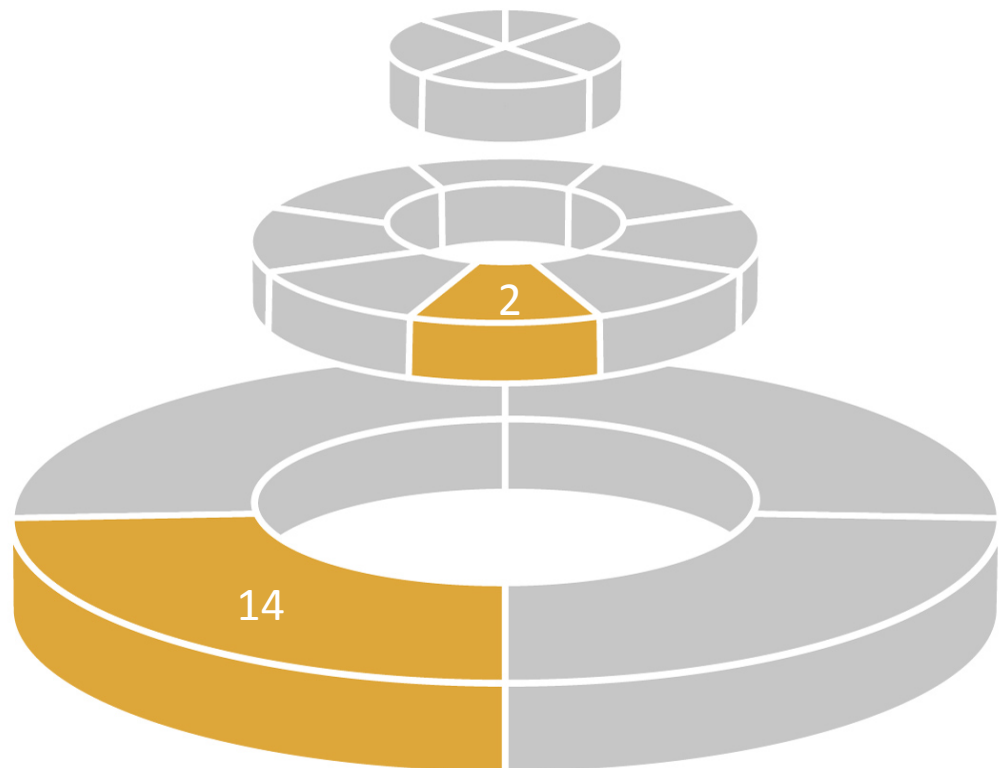


Risk to Marine Food Chains..

Ocean Acidification in 2100



SDG 14 – Conserve & sustainably use the oceans, seas & marine resources for sustainable development



40%

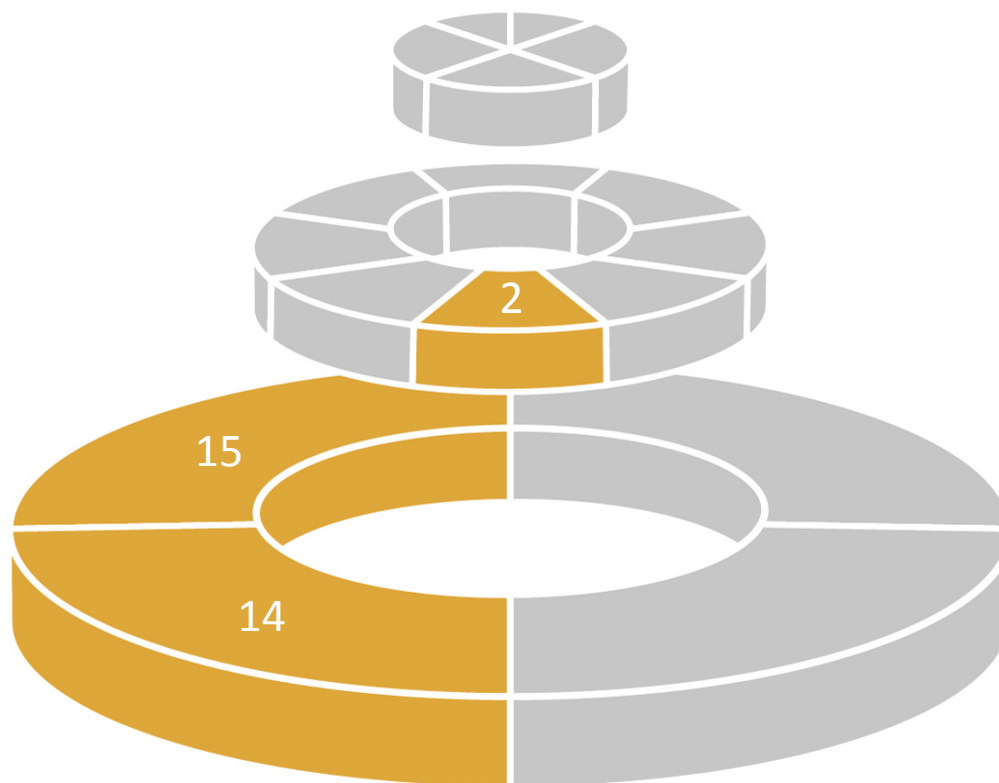
GLOBAL LAND SURFACE
USED FOR FOOD



ADDITIONAL CALORIES
NEEDED BY 2050

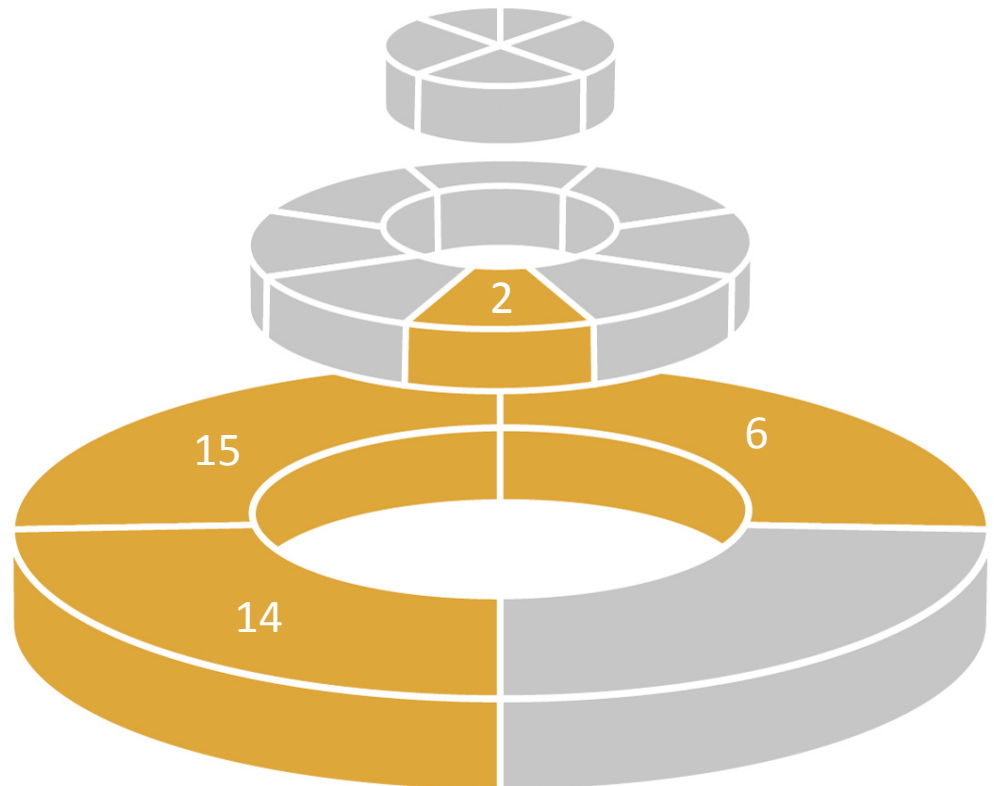
70%

SDG 15 – Protect terrestrial ecosystems



SDG 6 – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

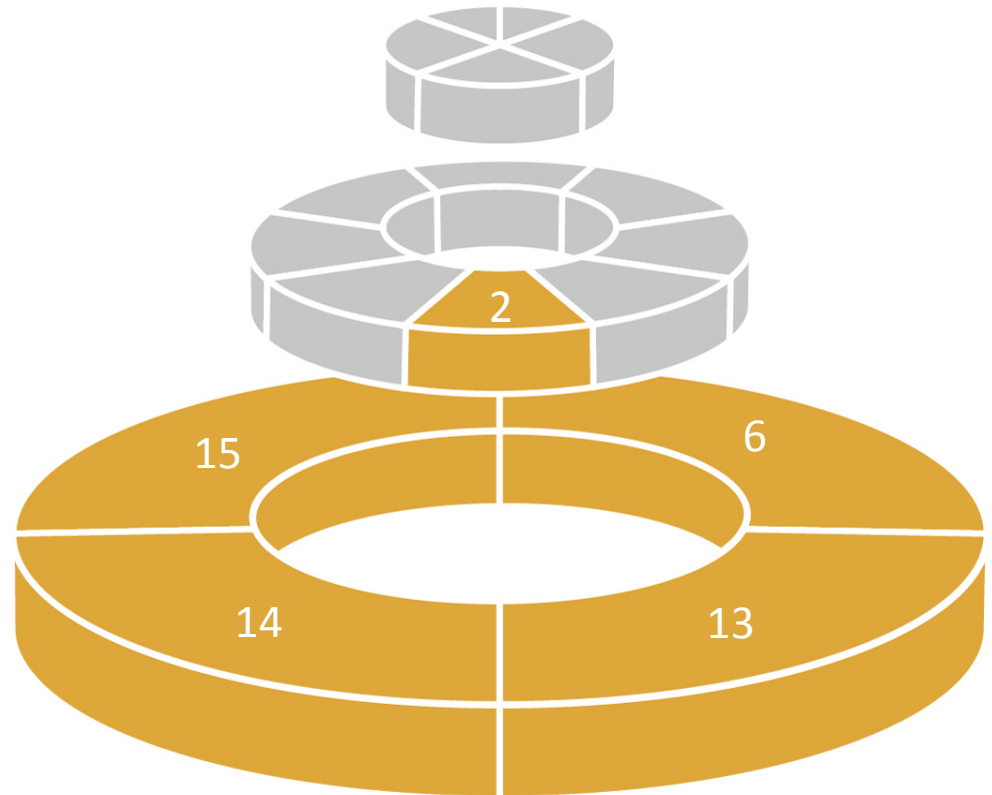


Health, **climate change** and diets

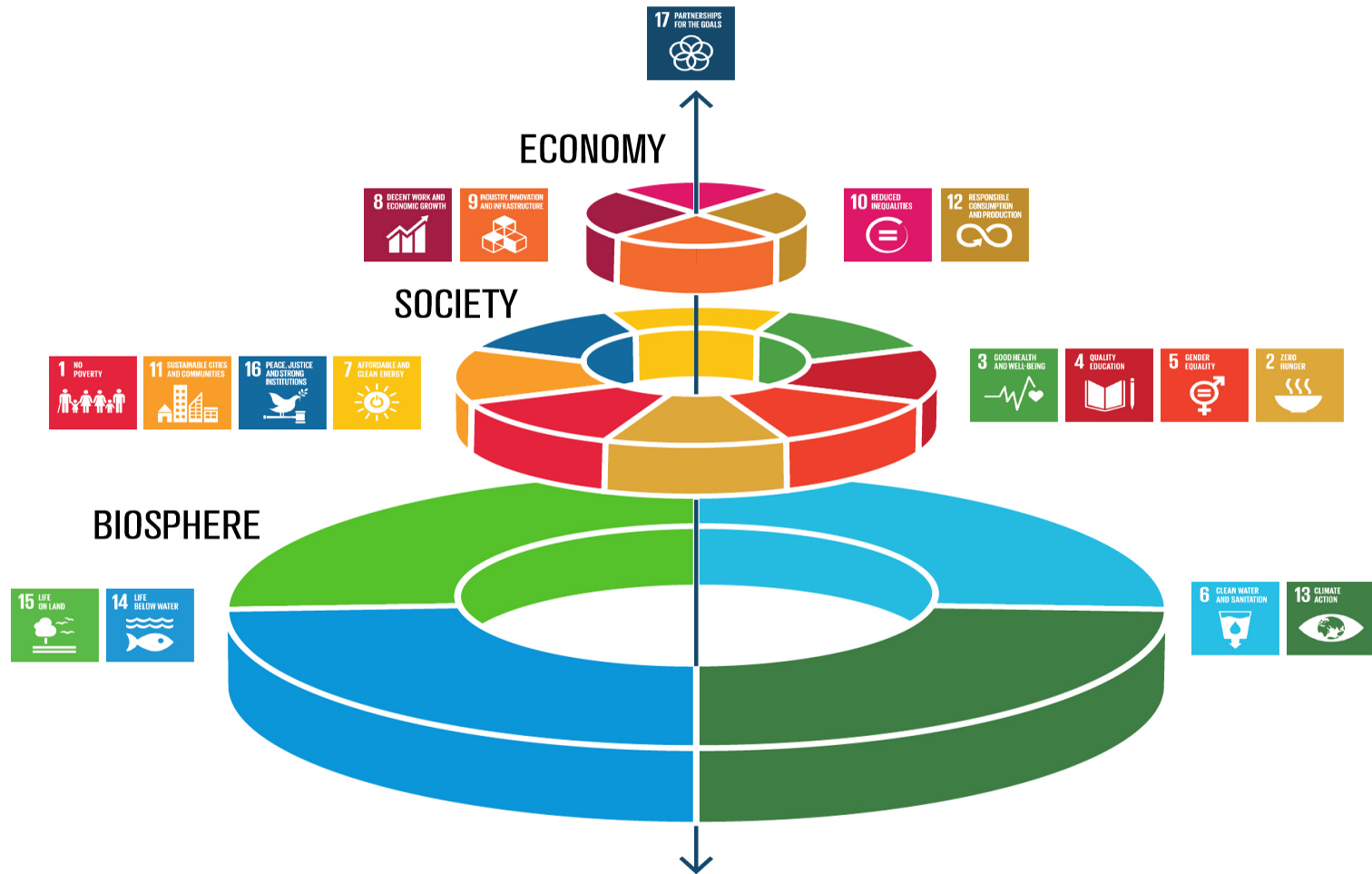
Springmann, M., Charles, H., Godfray, J., Rayner, M., & Scarborough, P. (2016). Analysis and valuation of the health and climate change co-benefits of dietary change. *PNAS*, 113 (15).

A dietary shift towards reduced meat consumption could reduce global mortality by 6–10% and food-related greenhouse gas emissions by 29–70% by 2050

SDG 13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



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What can corporations do to support the SDGs

Recognise and work towards
furthering the “foundational”
SDGs.

Measure and manage their
impacts and dependencies on
Natural Capital.



Natural Capital Protocol

Deep Dive Pilots



Pilots



- ❖ Launched in July 2016 in London.
- ❖ *"The purpose of the Protocol is to help businesses integrate their relationship with nature into their strategy and operations."*
- ❖ Development led by two consortiums, one led by WBCSD, other by IUCN.
- ❖ Brazilian pilots:
 - ❖ Natura
 - ❖ CPFL Energia
 - ❖ Legado das Águas
- ❖ Over 50 companies tested the protocol from Oct 2015 to Feb 2016.

Positive and negative externalities of AMATA in 2014

Approach used to evaluate each capital was:

I-P&L

Natural Capital
(NCX™)

- GHG emissions
- Water usage
- Air pollution
- Land pollution
- Waste production
- Water pollution
- Ecosystem services

Human Capital
(HCX™)

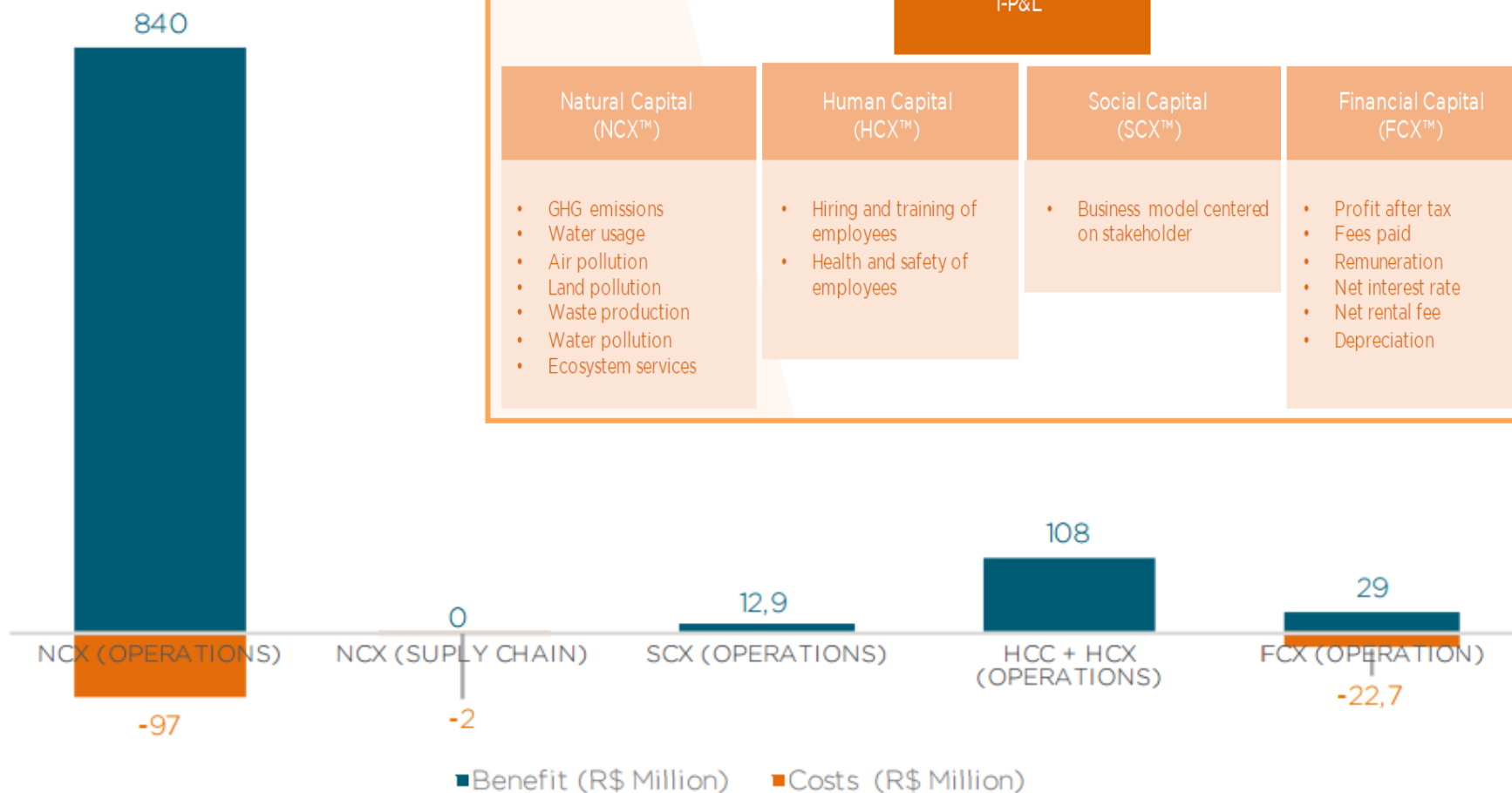
- Hiring and training of employees
- Health and safety of employees

Social Capital
(SCX™)

- Business model centered on stakeholder

Financial Capital
(FCX™)

- Profit after tax
- Fees paid
- Remuneration
- Net interest rate
- Net rental fee
- Depreciation



(I)NDCs and Nature

Action on Climate Change

The Process

- In the build up to COP21, each party was invited to submit their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (**INDCs**)
- INDCs detail what the country is able and willing to commit to, keeping its national priorities, circumstances and domestic capabilities in view
- The **Paris Agreement** was arrived at through consensus amongst 195 parties to the UNFCCC at COP21
- Between April 2016 and 2017, parties may ratify the treaty and provide their updated Nationally Determined Contributions (**NDCs**)
- Once at least 55 parties accounting for at least 55% of total GHG emissions ratify the treaty, it becomes legally binding



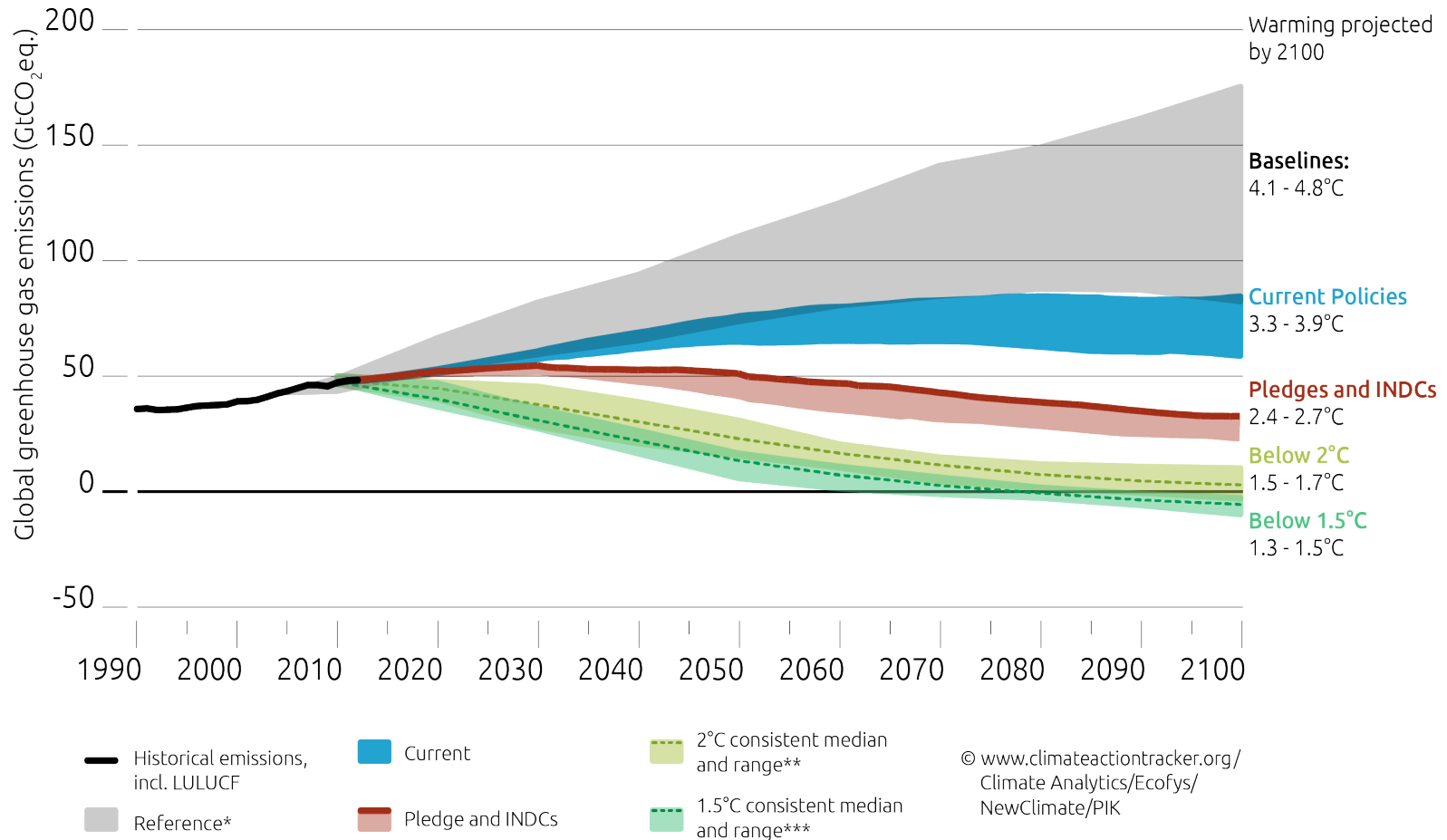
United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



Top 10 Emitters' INDC Pledges

Rank	Country	Reduction Measure	Base Year	Target Year	Unit	Target
1	China	Emissions Intensity	2005	2030	CO2	60-65%
2	USA	Emissions	2005	2025	GHG	26-28%
3	EU	Emissions	1990	2030	GHG	40%
4	India	Emissions Intensity	2005	2030	GHG	33-35%
5	Russia	Emissions	1990	2030	GHG	70-75%
6	Japan	Emissions	2013	2030	GHG	26%
7	Brazil	Emissions	2005	2030	GHG	43%
8	Indonesia	Emissions	2010	2030	GHG	26% (Unilaterally) 41% (Multilaterally)
9	Mexico	Emissions Intensity	2013	2030	GHG	40%
10	Iran	Emissions	2010	2030	GHG	4% (Unconditional) 8% (With support)

Possible scenarios with INDCs

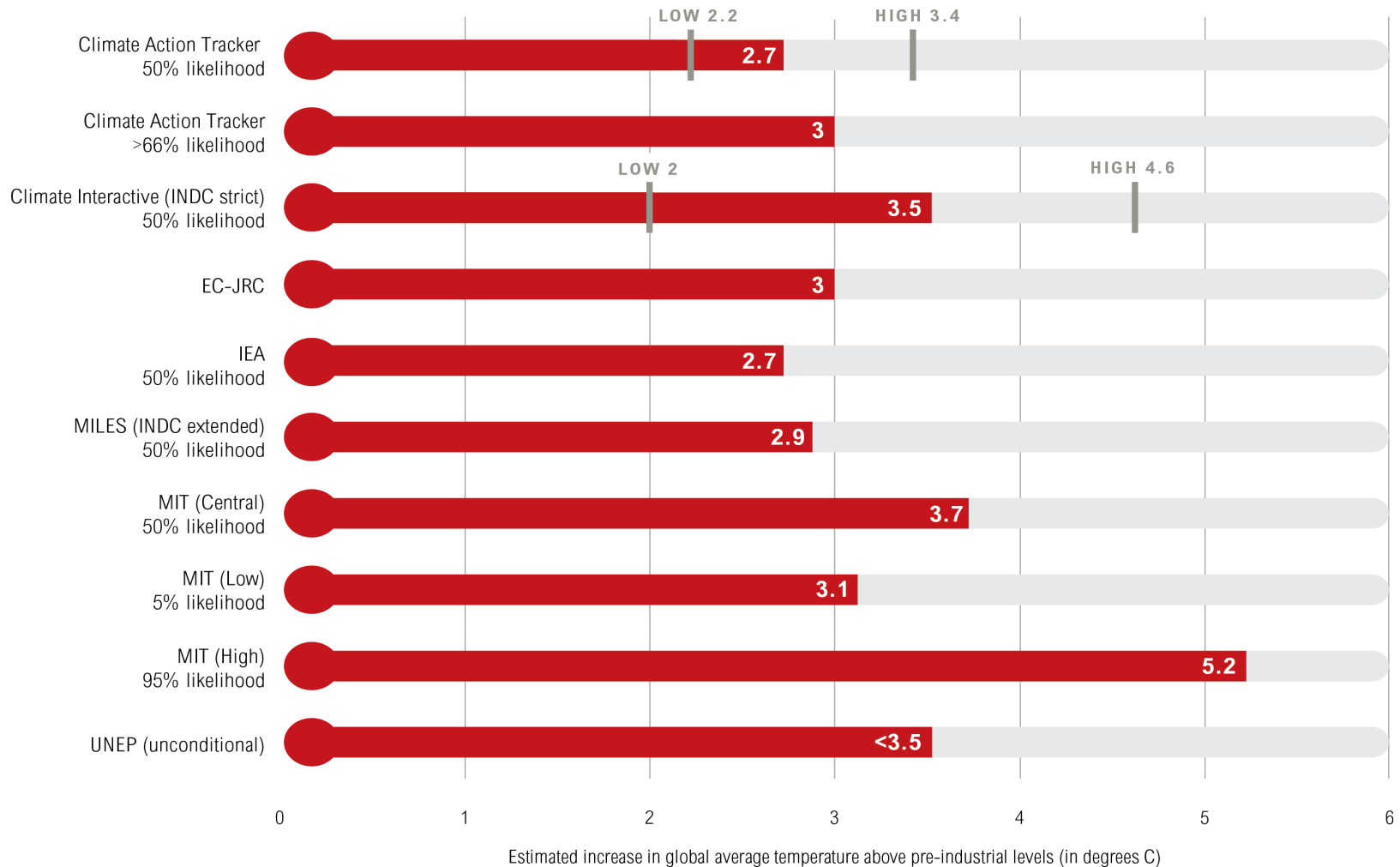


Source: Climate Action Tracker

- ☐ With current policies average temperature to rise 3.3° – 3.9°C by 2100.
- ☐ Even with INDCs & pledges, we will hit 2.4° – 2.7°C by 2100.

Are the INDCs enough?

Estimates for Global Temperature Rise with INDCs



Source: Climate Action Tracker

Brazil's INDCs at COP21

(Base Year: 2005)	2025	2030
GHG Emissions	↓ 37%	↓ 43% (indicative)
Emissions Intensity	↓ 66%	↓ 75% (indicative)

Source: Brazil's INDC

Share of:	2014	2030 Target
Renewables in the energy mix ¹	39.4%	45%
Renewables in the energy mix, excluding hydro ¹	27.6%	28-33%
Renewables in electricity, excluding hydro ¹	9.4%	At least 23%
Sustainable biofuel in the energy mix ²	5.6%	18%

¹ Balanço Energético Nacional
² IDDR (2015)

Agriculture & Forestry Measures

- Zero illegal deforestation by 2030
- Restoration and reforestation of 12 million hectares of forests by 2030
- Restoration of 15 million ha of degraded pasturelands by 2030
- Enhancing 5 million ha of integrated cropland-livestock-forestry systems by 2030

Source:
Brazil's INDC

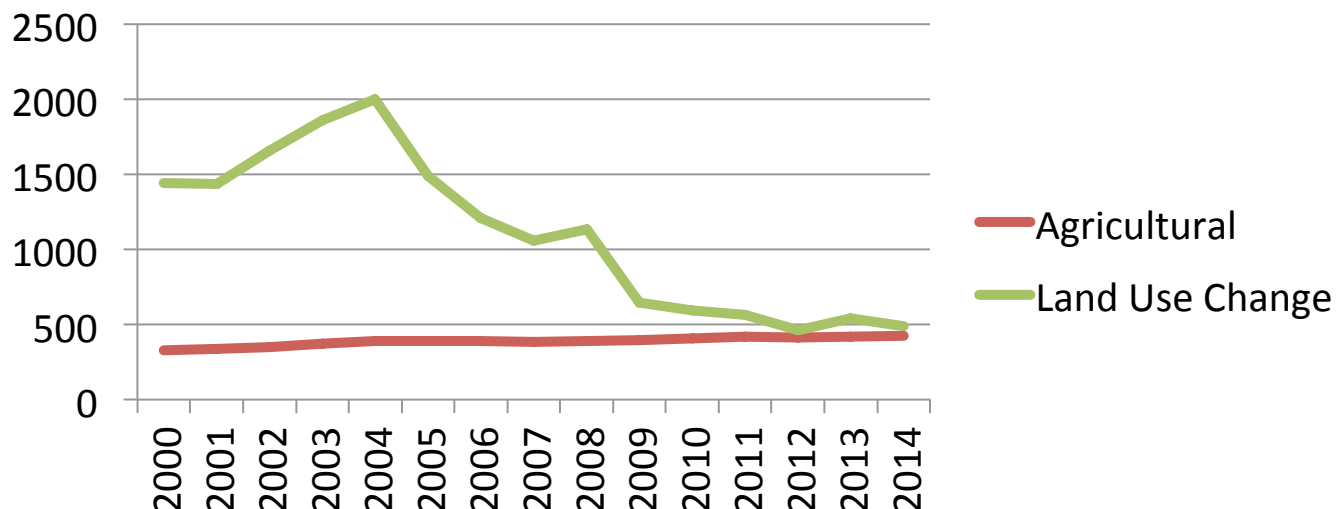
Importance of Agriculture and Forestry

Share of agriculture and forestry emissions in total emissions (2012)

Sector	World	Brazil
Agriculture	11%	24%
Land-Use Change and Forestry	6%	44%

Source: goo.gl/GQvn9R

Brazil's agriculture and forestry emissions trend – 2000 to 2014 (MtCO₂e)



Decrease of
66% in
emission from
Land Use
Change from
2000 to 2014

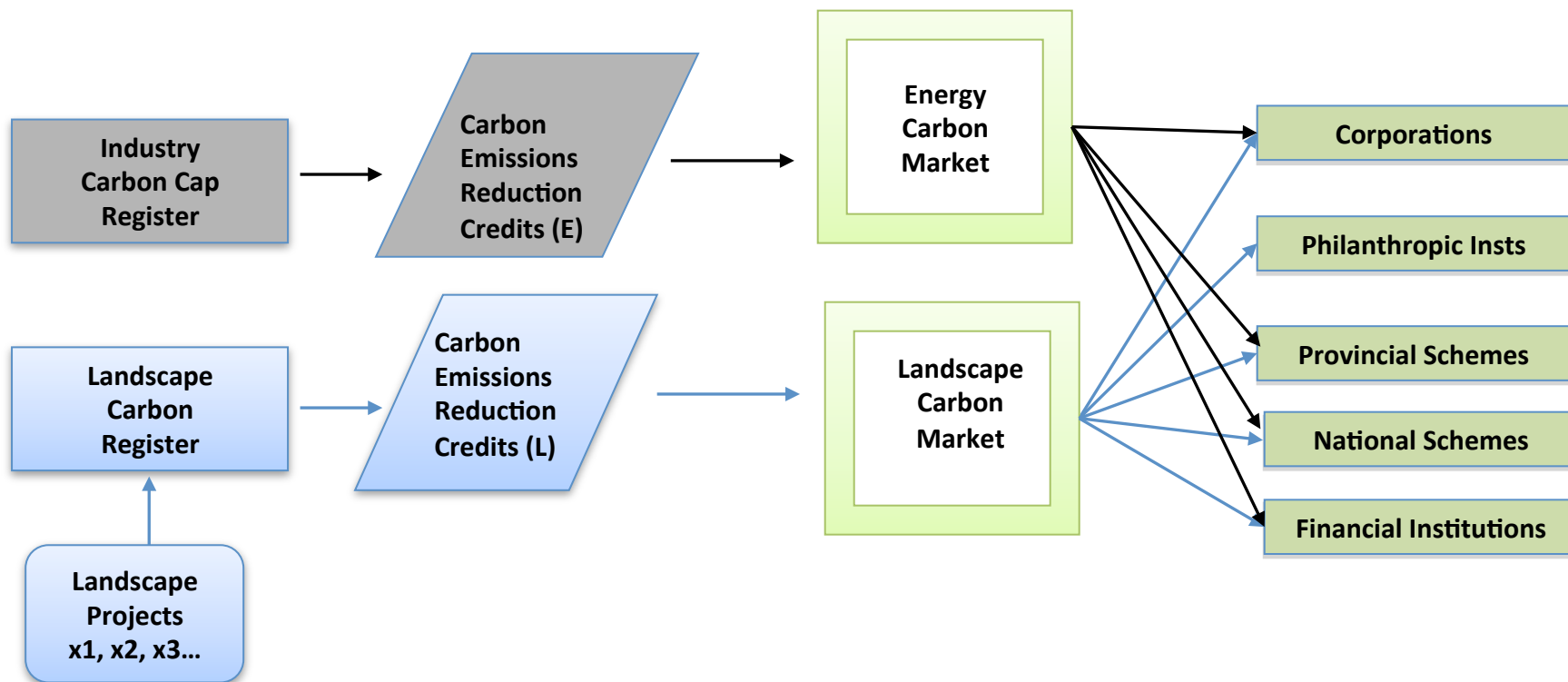
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Tropical Forest Mitigation of CO₂ : Ecological & Economic Rationale ...



1. Tropical forests store a fourth of terrestrial carbon
 - 547 Gigatonnes (Gt) out 2,052 Gt (Trumper et al., 2009)
2. Tropical forests capture a sixth of CO₂ emitted
 - up to 4.8 Gt CO₂ annually (Lewis & White, 2009)
(total CO₂ emissions p.a. ~32Gt)
3. Stopping deforestation holds an excellent cost-benefit ratio
 - Halving deforestation generates net benefits of about \$ 3.7 trillion (NPV) including only the avoided damage costs of climate change (Eliasch Review, 2008)

A National Market for Tropical Forest Carbon, including Biodiversity & Ecosystems benefits

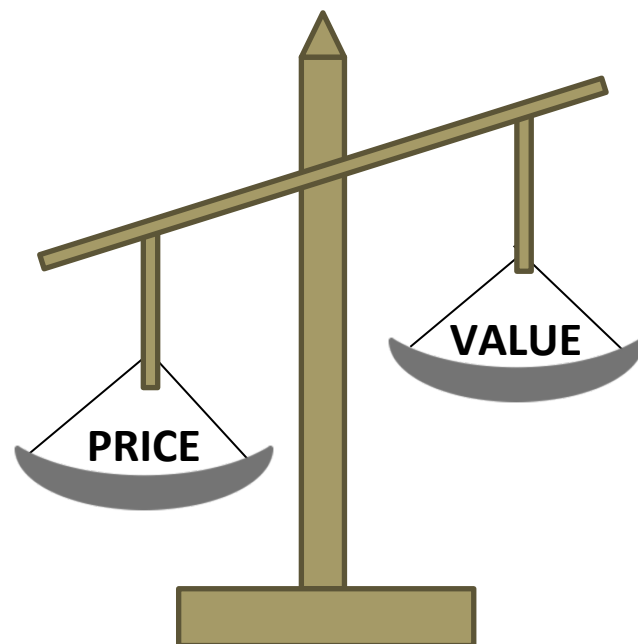


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Natural capital is *“an economic metaphor for the limited stocks of physical and biological resources found on earth, and of the limited capacity of ecosystems to provide ecosystem services”¹.*

- ***“Value (“Valor”)** is the worth to you of what you receive.”*
 - “Valuation is a human institution” (TEEB)
- *A **price (“preço”)** is what is paid for the value you receive*
 - Markets provide prices for *private* goods and services, not *public* goods
 - Nature provides its valuable *public goods and services* for free, so there is *no price*!



¹ TEEB Synthesis Report (2010)

Thank You!

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